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Applicants: Masahiro Nakada )  
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For: Method and Apparatus for )  
Severing Root of Bean Sprout )  
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REPLY TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Species Election Requirement mailed February 14, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1 and 2 (designated Species I), drawn to a method of severing roots of bean sprouts employing a sprinkling unit.

Claims 3 and 4, drawn to an apparatus for severing roots of bean sprouts employing a blower unit (designated Group II), are hereby withdrawn without prejudice for presentation in a later co-pending divisional application.

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